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Operation Season's Greetings



Incirlik welcomes Blues Traveler, the New England Patriots cheerleaders, the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band, who will perform for the Incirlik community noon Dec. 8 in Hangar 4.

Operation Season's Greetings goal is to demonstrate America's appreciation of servicemembers and what they do. By bringing great entertainment to the troops they share in the camaraderie and esprit de corps of being a part of the world's greatest Air Force.

Operation Season's Greetings travels all over the world to bring a piece of home to the troops who can't be there during the holiday season.

For more information, visit <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/hq/ba/osg/default.htm>

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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray and U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman visit Incirlik's Airman Leadership School during a trip here Monday and Tuesday. (Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards.)

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Military service offers much to be thankful for

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong

Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I can't help but think how truly blessed we are. As we prepare to gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving Day, let me share with you the top four things I'm thankful for.

I'm thankful to be a citizen of our great nation. We have a great tradition of liberty and inclusiveness — the diverse contributions of all Americans have been

the bedrock of our strength and resolve.

I'm thankful to be a member of our Armed Forces serving our country and defending our freedom. The brotherhood of arms is a noble profession, and the defense of our great liberties at home and the growth of these liberties abroad in locations such as Afghanistan and Iraq makes our service a vital and worthy cause.

I'm also thankful for these current times of challenge and change. Living in this dynamic period of time is like no other. The stress of our daily efforts is undeniable, but rest assured that your efforts are making

this world a better place.

I'm especially thankful to serve with such an awesome team of warriors as the men and women of USAFE. You bring your courage, dedication and commitment to the fight each and every day no matter where you're stationed. You are what make us the most respected and feared air and space force in the world!

Wherever you are this Thanksgiving holiday, take a few moments to reflect on how thankful you are — together we have much to look forward to and much to celebrate.

Programs create more structure, less stress

Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman

USAFE Command Chief Master Sergeant

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Force shaping, doing more with less, increased deployments – For many people in today's Air Force these words bring about feelings of stress and anxiety. But really, if you think about it, we are less stressed as a force than we have been in quite some time.

On an Air Force level, the creation of the Air Expeditionary Force provides us with a more predictable and stable work environment. Our support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, combined with the various humanitarian missions we routinely perform, means our operations tempo has increased. However, the AEF rotational structure provides a way for us to know our deployment eligibility period. We can better plan, both at home and at work, for these changes. And planning is a key element in reducing stress.

The changes in the Air Force fitness standard may have been a painful transition for some of us, but it has also made us stronger. The standard ensures that we're a more fit expeditionary force. And, as we all know, being physically fit helps to reduce stress in our lives.

Closer to home, the Combat and Special Interest Programs instituted within U.S. Air Forces in Europe play a vital role in ensuring we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world. But, they do more than that; they are programs to help us grow – spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally. These same four dimensions of wellness — our physical, emotional, social and spiritual anchors – enhance our resilience and prepare us to weather the storms and stressors of work and our lives in general.

Programs like Project CHEER, which creates an environment of enthusiasm for our single and unaccompanied Airmen when they

arguably need it most, offers them the opportunity to be involved in high-energy events throughout the year. This program is particularly valuable in the winter months when being separated from family can be stressful.

Another program, Combat Intro/Exit is designed to streamline and ease the process of base in- and out-processing. Through this program, as many as 15 inprocessing stops were eliminated at some bases; eliminating any additional stress factors that go along with the process. Stress is further relieved through the Virtual

Inprocessing system by increasing the number of pre-arrival actions members can take and by providing more information earlier to inbound members.

And through Combat Care we've focused on easing the stress of our spouses and family members. This program is designed to improve the care, attention and information flow spouses and families receive while we're deployed. It's also designed to support military members who deploy here

within our area of operations.

There's no doubt that our increased operations tempo has the potential to increase our stress levels. But, it's important to take a step back and look at the big picture. Whether talking about the Air Force or within USAFE, there's a myriad of programs in place to make our lives easier and more structured. And more structure means less stress.

USAFE's newest Combat Program, Combat Wingman, capitalizes on looking out for one another through the employment of a sacred contract that promotes a genuine concern for our fellow Airmen and their wellness. I ask that you embrace this program and incorporate it into your day-to-day life. But, also examine yourself and your life internally. Don't let the buzz word of the day guide your stress levels. We may be busier mentally, but we've also created a more structured and less stressed Air Force environment.

"It's important to take a step back and look at the big picture."

– Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman
U.S. Air Forces in Europe
Command Chief Master Sergeant



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CSIP – You’re Making a Difference!

We arrived in USAFE 15 months ago and instituted Combat and Special Interest Programs within the command to help translate our vision, mission and goals into concrete results. We’re proud of your accomplishments and mission success in implementing and sustaining our 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs.

Your efforts have made significant, tangible impacts for our Airmen across the command. Overall, we realized a 26% improvement across the 80 performance indicators we measure throughout USAFE. This percentage is more than a number -- it means we’re better prepared, improving our processes and taking care of our people.

Let’s highlight your accomplishments in a few of the individual programs. Our Combat Flightline program improved fleet fix rate by 20%. Combat Education increased the available number of classes and raised college enrollments by 11%. Combat Intro/Exit cut member processing stops by 75% in less than a year. Combat Fitness prepared us for our combat culture and boosted our fitness test scores by 18%. The Hidden Heroes program increased our volunteer opportunities by 32% and the number of volunteers by 46%. Customer College trained nearly 2,800 service providers to better meet the needs of our customers. Project Wizard energized our libraries with additional funding, elevated library visits by 23% and increased computer usage by 70%. These results showcase the labors of your hard work and reflect your commitment to excellence at every level.

We also want to spotlight Combat Wingman, our newest Combat and Special Interest Program. Combat Wingman emphasizes the time-honored commitment we ask all Airmen -- military and civilian -- to make: to be the guardian of each other’s welfare. It reinforces what it means to be part of the Air Force family, specifically linking each of us with a Wingman that checks our six, on and off duty. This is not a single focus program to address one or two problem areas -- its focus is on all dimensions of our lives. It sustains Airmen during both steady-state and expeditionary operations no matter where we’re stationed. As Combat Wingman takes off at your local base, remember that it’s all about taking care of your fellow Airmen.

Your commitment and dedication to our Combat and Special Interest Programs has increased our readiness, improved mission effectiveness, strengthened our services and enhanced our quality of life. Keep the momentum rolling as we lead the way for the most respected, all-purpose expeditionary air and space force in the world!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

“Bring Your Courage”

Training, leadership, force shaping ...

CMSAF speaks to Incirlik Airmen

Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

In a whirl wind tour of a base he was first stationed at in 1984, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray spoke to Incirlik Airmen Monday and Tuesday.

"One thing I do as I travel around the Air Force is talk with people, not at people," Chief Murray said to the Airmen Leadership School class Wednesday.

True to that statement, Chief Murray spoke about a variety of topics including training for the combat and expeditionary situations Airmen face today, becoming a good leader and the new Air Force uniforms.

In current combat and expeditionary situations, Airmen are putting their deployed skills to the test in different environments and learning from their experiences. These lessons are not just staying with the Airmen who learned them; Airmen are sharing them with others and with their leaders.

"It's caused [senior Air Force leadership] to look at the force today and ask 'have we trained and prepared our Airmen today as well as we need to now that they are being deployed in a combat zone?'" Chief Murray said. "And what do we need for the future?"

He also addressed the anxieties Airmen may have about heading into combat and expeditionary situations.

"We, as Airmen, are cut from the same cloth as any Soldier or Marine," he said. "All of us have to have the same mentality of strength."

Much of that mentality comes from good leaders and learning to lead, said Chief Murray. The best advice for supervisors is to "treat people how you want to be treated."

"There is nothing cosmic about leadership," he continued.

Chief Murray stressed two-way communication as a key to successful leadership. He said it is important to impress peers and superiors, but the most important people to impress are subordinates.

The two-way communication between Air Force leaders and Airmen was instrumental to the changes in the Air Force uniform.

Many of the changes made to the utility uniform were for practical reasons said Chief Murray. There are several new pockets, the wider belt is a sturdier alternate for those who hang tools from their belt and the new sizes and cuts for females fit better.

The process for the new physical training uniform was considerably faster than that of the utility uniform, because most of the design and materials were already in use. The Army already had uniform styles and materials designed and tested which the Air Force modified to better meet its needs. Modifications included color changes and the addition of reflective stripes and the Air Force emblem.

"This is the fastest the Air Force has ever fielded a new uniform in my career," Chief Murray said.

Chief Murray wrapped up his visit on a personal note. He encouraged Airmen to get out and experience Turkey.

"Take advantage of it while you can," he said. "There are so many different things you can see and do; one person said to me they were ready to leave because they ran out of things to see and I told them 'you could live a lifetime here and not see half the things there are to see.'"

Overall, Chief Murray said he was impressed with Incirlik Airmen.

"The men and women of the 39th Air Base Wing are clearly serving in challenging times," he said. "It's especially hard overseas and they are doing extremely well."



Air Force honors spouses with new pin

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials have expanded the pin program to recognize and thank those who support the efforts of Airmen around the world by introducing the Air Force spouse pin. This pin joins the Air Force employer pin and parent pin as one of the service's most visible public outreach programs.

Peter Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force, presided over a ceremony in Washington D.C. Nov. 8, where the first four pins were presented to spouses of an active-duty, guard and reserve Airman and a civilian.

"In an increasingly volatile world, the Air Force depends on families for their support as never before," said Col. Chris Geisel, assistant director of Air Force public

affairs. "It's only appropriate that we reach out to the spouses who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us."

The spouse pin — a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol — is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces.

The new pin is given to spouses of American Airmen and civilians in recognition of the sacrifices they make for their spouse's service, Colonel Geisel said.

Besides the 1-inch silver lapel pin, the spouses will receive a personalized letter signed by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief Staff Gen. John

Jumper.

Airmen and civilian employees can register for a spouse pin and letter through a Web-based program at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

The Your Guardians of Freedom office, a division of the Air Force public affairs directorate, manages the recognition program. The office's mission is to help commanders and Airmen reach out to key audiences to tell the story of Airmen fighting the war on terrorism.

More than 222,000 Airmen have created profiles at the Web site, which resulted in the presentation of more than 318,000 parent pins and more than 61,000 employer pins. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

Deadline approaches

CFC gives Incirlik a chance to share

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Combined Federal Campaign, which ends overseas Dec. 3, helps make donating to charitable organizations more convenient by combining hundreds of organizations into one brochure.

This year's brochure helps meet the campaign motto, "Make a World of Difference," by combining more than 1,500 organizations into one convenient location.

"This year's brochure includes organizations that appeal to most everyone," said Master Sgt. Roberta Williams, 39th Air Base Wing career assistance adviser and CFC representative for the wing and 39th Mission Support Squadron. "Organizations included cover causes from saving the rain forests, honoring military veterans, ensuring a clean water supply, aiding refugees to advancing medical research, just to name a few; and a portion of all contributions are reinvested into the local community."

By regulation, undesignated gifts, up to 6 percent of gross campaign contributions, are used to support youth and family support programs. The funds contributed to FYSP support a range of Incirlik activities like installation picnics, playground equipment, youth sporting equipment and family support center activities. During the 2003 CFC, more than \$523,000 was distributed to overseas military communities to support these programs.

People can also contribute directly to family support and youth programs by writing FSYP as the four digit agency code on the 2004 Pledge Card. Contributions made to FSYP are in addition to the regulated 6 percent and are not charged any share of campaign costs.

CFC contributions can be made by cash, check or payroll deduction; there is no maximum gift limit. Although there is no minimum requirement for cash and check donations, payroll deductions must be at least \$1 per pay period. Payroll deduction donations start with the first pay period in January and continue through the last pay period in December.

"Payroll deduction makes it convenient for you to give by letting

you spread your contribution across the entire year," said Sergeant Williams. "Last year more than 90 percent of all CFC funds raised were given through payroll deduction."

Regardless of how people decide to make contributions, every donation helps the CFC accomplish its mission to support and promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the

opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Incirlik's goal in contributing to that mission is 100 percent contact and a 50 percent participation rate. In 2003, Incirlik accomplished 100 percent contact and 34.12 percent participation rate. As of Nov. 19, Incirlik has already reached its 100 percent contact rate and 20.90 percent of those contacted also participated.

"There is still time to make contributions," said Sergeant Williams. "Don't let this annual opportunity to make a difference in someone's life slip by."

For more information, contact your unit representative; call Sergeant Williams at 6-1019 or Tech. Sgt. Warren Singleton, alternate CFC representative at 6-8402; or visit www.cfcverseas.org or www.opm.gov/cfc.

"Don't let this annual opportunity to make a difference in someone's life slip by."

—Master Sgt. Roberta Williams
39th Air Base Wing CFC representative

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Saving sight: eye exams help diabetics keep seeing

By Staff Sgt. Monica Hamm
39th Medical Squadron

Thousands of people will lose their sight from diabetic eye disease this year. A simple eye examination could reduce that number by half.

Diabetic eye disease is a group of eye disorders that afflicts people with diabetes. These eye diseases are: diabetic retinopathy, which occurs when the tiny blood vessels that nourish the retina weaken, break down or become blocked; cataract, the clouding of the eye's natural lens; and glaucoma, which develops when a fluid buildup within the eye damages the optic nerve.

According to Prevent Blindness America, approximately 14 million people in the U.S. have diabetes. Unfortunately, many of them will develop one or more of these eye disorders.

The Incirlik Optometry Clinic is urging

people with diabetes to visit their eye doctor annually for a comprehensive eye exam that includes dilating the pupil. This procedure enables the eye doctor to check the back of the eye for damage caused by eye disease. According to Prevent Blindness America, nearly half of all blindness can be prevented.

Diabetic eye disease offers no symptoms during the early stages. By the time people notice changes in their eyesight, a significant portion of vision may have already been lost permanently.

As part of Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Prevent Blindness America is offering free information about diabetic eye disease. People can obtain the materials at the Prevent Blindness America Web site, www.preventblindness.org. To schedule an eye examination appointment at the 39th Medical Squadron Optometry clinic, please call 6-6173.

AFN adds more live news coverage

By Master Sgt. Larry Schneck
AFN-Incirlik Detachment Chief

The American Forces Network will add more live news programming on the AFN News Channel (Incirlik Cable 5).

AFN will replace taped and repeated programs with more live news. This means when "breaking news" occurs the AFN Broadcast Center won't have to interrupt the AFN News schedule because Incirlik viewers will already be watching live programming.

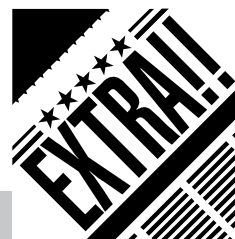
The new AFN News schedule will include the top four programs from the top cable news network, Fox News Channel. "Studio B with Sheppard Smith" and "Your World with Neil Cavuto," which are new to the schedule, will be live and will replace the seasonal CNN "Inside Politics," which will return with the

next political season.

Another change Incirlik viewers will see is more military news magazines Tuesdays through Saturdays rotating between the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Weekdays, AFN will move ABC's "Good Morning America" from AFN News to AFN Prime Pacific, replacing the tape delayed NBC "Today Show." Incirlik viewers will still be able to see the NBC "Today Show" live on AFN Prime Atlantic. "Good Morning America" is steadily increasing in ratings and now appears about to overtake "Today."

For more AFN programming information and the latest TV and sports schedules, log on to myafn.net or contact Master Sgt. Larry Schneck, AFN-Incirlik Detachment chief at larry.schneck@incirlik.af.mil



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Immunizations drive

The clinic is extending their immunizations hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Dec. 3 to accommodate working families and school hours. Parents should bring in any and all available shot records to help update the immunizations database and ensure all children are current for immunizations required in Turkey.

New hours

The new hours for the Finance Cashier's Cage's are 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday. For more information, call Master Sgt. Deborah Reynolds, 39th Comptroller Squadron quality assurance manager or Tech. Sgt. Andre Thomas, 39th CPTS cashier, at 6-3204.

Base Exchange holiday hours

The Incirlik Base Exchange is open the following hours during the holiday season:

- ♦ Dec. 18 – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- ♦ Dec. 24 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ♦ Dec. 25 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ♦ Dec. 31 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ♦ Jan. 1 – Closed

For more information, call 6-6937.

Career Assistance Advisor

Those interested in retraining, force shaping, reserve, guard and Army opportunities can contact Master Sgt. Roberta Williams, career assistance advisor, at 6-1019.

Credit card fraud

The Federal Trade Commission offers some advice to assist consumers in protecting their credit card from fraud at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/credit/cards.htm>. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Charles McQueen, 39th Air Base Wing Legal Office, at 6-6800.

Holiday mailing

To ensure a Christmas delivery to the United States, mail packages and letters no later than the following dates:

- ♦ Priority Parcels — Dec. 11
- ♦ First Class Letters — Dec. 11
- ♦ Express Mail — Dec. 20

For more information, call the Official Document Center at 6-6301.

Park It If You Pour.

Even a little alcohol can affect your judgment, balance and coordination. The fact is, almost half of the riders who die in solo motorcycle crashes have been drinking. Play it safe. Don't start drinking until you've finished riding.



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

This week Incirlik had the pleasure of a visit from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray and U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman. These key members of the Air Force team are great advocates for Airmen all over the world and key to the success of the greatest Air Force in the world. I always look forward to showing off the great accomplishments of the men and women we have serving at Incirlik to distinguished visitors. Thank you Team Incirlik for helping make this visit a success.

Combined Federal Campaign

As you sit down to dinner with your family and friends this Thanksgiving, take a moment to think of how much you are blessed with. There are many people in the world who have much less. The Overseas Combined Federal Campaign gives you the opportunity to share with those less fortunate. The campaign runs through Dec. 3 this year. You don't have to give a lot of money to make a difference – a lot of small donations add up quickly. For more information, go to www.cfcoverseas.org or contact your squadron representative.

Promotions

♦ **Promoted to senior master sergeant: Rich Sironen**, 39th Operations Squadron.

♦ **Promoted to master sergeant: Jeffery Duggins**, 39th Medical Squadron; **Marvell Jones**, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Toungia Teacher-McCoy**, 39th LRS; and **Kevin Watson**, 39th MDS.

♦ **Promoted to technical sergeant: Yalanda Breazeale**, 39th MDS; **Tracie Carter**, 39th MDS; **Michael Holder**, 39th Contracting Squadron; **Scott Lacroix**, 39th OS; **Graciela Martinez**, 425th Air Base Squadron; **Shellie Murphy**, 39th Cons; **Cheryl Replogle**, 39th Maintenance Squadron; **William Roeder**, 39th Mission Support Squadron; and **David Whaley**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron.

♦ **Promoted to staff sergeant: Ronnie Blanco**, 39th MXS; **Rebecca Boyce**, 39th Security Forces Squadron; **Herbert Ellis Jr.**, 39th CS; **Daniel Exum**, 39th CS; **Joshua Fuller**, 39th LRS; **Shannon Grice**, 39th OS; **Donald Hoff**, 39th MXS; **Jerry Klein**, 39th Comptroller Squadron; **Jeremy McCauley**, 728th AMS; and **Leslie Sybert**, 39th MDS.

Weekend Safety

Thanksgiving can be a lot of fun, but it can also present a lot of hazards all its own. I want everyone to have fun over the long Thanksgiving weekend; I also want you to come back to work Monday. That means keeping safety in mind. If you are going on a trip, make sure someone in your chain of command knows where you are going and how to get in touch with you. Be careful while cooking, and be mindful of the fire extinguisher close by for any kitchen fires that may start. Most importantly, arrange for a designated driver if you plan on drinking.

Customer College distinguished graduates

Congratulations to the following Customer College distinguished graduates:

♦ Oct. 25 - 28: **Ms. Meltem Ozer-Sahiner**, Army Air Force Exchange Service.

♦ Nov 2 - 5: **Staff Sgt. Robert Clark**, 39th Operations Squadron.

♦ Nov. 15 - 18: **Staff Sgt. LaNecia Hoover**, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Have a happy thanksgiving!

OSI helps stop terrorism with 'Eagle Eyes'

By Special Agent John Crowe

Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Detachment 522

It seems difficult today to pick up the newspaper or turn on the television and not hear something about the war on terror and our efforts to fight that war in Iraq and Afghanistan. But you almost never hear about the other front in that war, a front where battles raged long before we ever sent troops into Southwest Asia and continues today.

What is this front? It is all over the world, in coffee shops, restaurants, hotels, even the alleys and parks near homes where the enemy meets with their comrades in this clandestine war. It hides in the shadows of normalcy and tries to remain undetected. The hidden work of our adversary's intelligence networks continue to wage a battle against us, and just like in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must prevail.

No matter how well trained and vigilant, law enforcement officials simply cannot be everywhere. Everyone's eyes and ears can be of enormous help in preventing terrorism. After all, people within the community know best what activities do or do not belong in their base, neighborhood and community.

To enlist the community's help in preventing terrorism, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations created and manages the Eagle Eyes program. Eagle Eyes puts the entire community on the antiterrorism team by providing the information needed to recognize and report suspicious behavior.

As part of the antiterrorism team, the Incirlik community is equipped with a means of reporting suspicious activity 24-7. Inputs can be submitted by calling the Law Enforcement Desk at 6-3200. Inputs are shared with law enforcement agencies and commanders for rapid assessment and investigation if necessary.

Timely reporting of suspicious activity is key in deterring terrorist activities. We strongly encourage all members of the Incirlik community to take an active role in combating terrorism by reporting suspicious activities.

For more information or to schedule an Eagle Eyes briefing, call AFOSI Detachment 522 at 6-6488 or visit <http://public.afosi.af.mil/eagle/index.asp>. Briefings are available for squadrons and social groups.

Identify and report suspicious activity

Suspicious activity is anything out of the ordinary. Some things to look for are: **Surveillance; Elicitation; Tests of Security; Acquiring Supplies; Suspicious Person Out of Place; Dry Run and Deploying Assets.**



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Celebrating Thanksgiving

Question: Mehmet, do Turkish people celebrate a "Thanksgiving?"

Response: Like the Thanksgiving Day celebrated in the United States and Canada, other countries have celebrations or observances in gratitude to God for the fall harvest. Some countries have designated *Harvest Day* celebrations, like England's Harvest Festival.

There isn't a designated *Harvest Day* in Turkey. However, in some regions of Turkey, ceremonies are held before starting the grain harvest. In other regions, ceremonies are held after finishing the harvest, principally where grapes are grown. Since the climate varies in different regions of Turkey, harvest day or post-harvest celebrations are held on different days.

On the other hand, the tradition of killing a sheep and sharing the meat with neighbors, friends and the poor has some similarities to the American Thanksgiving Day.

Wealthy Moslems kill an animal, usually a sheep, on the first day of the sacrifice festival which lasts four days, and share the meat of the animal with neighbors, friends and poor people. Meanwhile, during the holy month of Ramadan, Turks give alms to poor and needy people. During that month, wealthy people hold dinners for friends, neighbors and poor people when they break their fast in the evenings.

Eating turkey is not common in Turkey. In recent years some turkey farms were founded to raise turkey. Turkey is mostly eaten as the main dish on the new year's eve parties.

Teachers' Day celebrated Wednesday

Teachers' Day was celebrated throughout the country Wednesday. Nov. 24 is designated and celebrated as Teachers' Day in Turkey.

Special programs were broadcasted on television and radios. President Ahmet Necdet Sezer accepted 81 teachers, one from



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each province, at the presidential palace in Ankara. Numerous companies gave special discounts for the teachers.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern Republic of Turkey, is considered the *headmaster* for the whole nation. In 1928 he changed the Arabic alphabet to the Latin alphabet and wanted everybody to learn it. For that reason, a big campaign started and almost every educated Turk supported that campaign and volunteered to teach the new alphabet to the Turkish people.

Ataturk himself was also one of the volunteers. He gave lessons to the public in parks and whenever and wherever he had the opportunity.

The most meaningful part of the day is when students take flowers with their books and give them to their teachers in appreciation for educating, training and enlightening them. There were lines of students in front of florists Wednesday to get a bouquet for their teachers.

Bitter Oranges

Question: There are two orange trees in my front yard. I picked an orange to eat and, to my surprise, it was so sour that I couldn't eat it. Is it an orange tree or is it a type of lemon?

Response: The fruit is a bitter orange and, as you found out, it's too sour to eat. It's called turunc in Turkish.

Turunc is the mother tree for all citrus trees. You must have noticed that it has lots of seeds and is very juicy.

Only seeds of turunc trees grow into citrus trees. For example, if you plant orange or lemon seeds, they won't grow into trees. Therefore, turunc seeds are planted and when the turunc tree is still young it's

Bitter orange trees, turunc trees, are considered the mother of all trees. Citrus trees such as lemon, tangerine and grapefruit trees are grafted from turunc seeds.

grafted to any type of citrus, orange, tangerine, lemon or grapefruit tree.

Turunc juice serves the same purpose as lemon juice in many cases. People boil turunc juice, which becomes dark black and thick, and use it year round in cooking. The skin of turunc is also used to make jam, which is quite popular in the Antalya area.

Citrus trees grow along the southern coastal part of Turkey, from Hatay-Iskenderun as far as Izmir on the Aegean. The streets of Adana used to be full of turunc trees and in Tarsus they still are.

In Tarsus, they go to extremes in that matter. All streets and parks are filled with turunc trees, because citrus trees keep green leaves all year round and look very nice.

Adana is one of the main citrus producers in Turkey. Oranges grow almost everywhere in Adana, from the sea shores of Mediterranean in the south to the mountainous fields of Kozan in the north. You'll see newly-picked oranges in the market from October through the summer in this area.

In Turkish

Sukran Gunu- Thanksgiving Day
(shuek-run gue-nue)

ogretmen - teacher
(oe-rat-man)

hindi - turkey
(hinn-dee)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Thursday

Member appreciation — The club sponsors a semi-formal dinner and dance for members from 9 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call Carol Tackleson at 6-6101.

Monday

Morning Star dancers — The community center sponsors the Native-American performers, Morning Star dancers, at 6 p.m. For more information, call the community center at 6-6966.

Tuesday

Thrift shop — The thrift shop is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and the first Saturday every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers needed. For more information, call Kathy Collins at 6-2152.

Pre-school playgroup — The pre-school playgroup meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the youth center. Parents and caregivers are expected to supervise their children at all times. For more information, call Maribeth Viray at 6-6709 or 6-6452 or Laura Hunt at 6-2484.

Wednesday

Dorm Council meeting — The Dorm Council meets at noon in the Pipers Lounge at the club. The council meets the first Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 6-3711.

Upcoming

Wing Holiday Gala — The Wing holiday Gala is Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the club complex. The dress is semi-formal cocktail party, which means jackets and ties are optional for men, but slacks are mandatory. Tickets are available from first sergeants. Cost is \$12 members/\$14 nonmembers for

E-1 through E-5 and \$15 members/\$17 nonmembers for E-6s and above. For more information, call Master Sgts. Larry Schneck at 6-6491 or Alicia Lewis at 6-6210.

Cookie Caper — Your help is needed to bake 6,500 cookies for unaccompanied Airmen during the holidays. Cookie dough or baked cookies can be dropped off at the family support center at anytime. All donations must be dropped off before Dec. 3. For more information, call Julie Hayes at 6-5811.

Red Cross CPR Class — The Red Cross offers a cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR class Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the family support center. Cost is \$35 and seats are limited. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

CCAF combined graduation — A combined graduation ceremony for all Community College of the Air Force graduates is Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. in the club's ballroom. The dress is uniform of the day and everyone in the Incirlik community is invited. For more information, call Angela Williams at 6-9664.

Fund raising opportunity — The base exchange main store starts its annual Community Gift Wrapping Program to help foster community participation. Units or organizations interested in taking advantage of the opportunity to wrap shoppers' gifts for donations can sign-up for the available date and time of their choice Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The BX provides supplies including tape, gift wrap, scissors, ribbon and location (lobby of the main store). For more information or to schedule a time, call Ann Yi or Sandra Moriarity at 6-6937 or 6-6543.

Ongoing

Swing dance — The community center sponsors swing dance lessons. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. For more information, call the community center at 6-6966.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Wednesday

Men's Bible study — Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at noon in the Crossroads Café. Topics of discussion include God's word as it applies to everyday life. For more information, call Danny Breazeale at 6-6529.

Saturday

Catholic Religious Education cancelled — Catholic Religious Education is cancelled today. Classes will resume Dec. 5. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Upcoming

Project CHEER — Project CHEER, with the support of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services, offers free movies with one serving of popcorn and a soda for attendants of movies showing Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Featured movies and show times to be announced. Although this opportunity targets unaccompanied Airmen, entrance will be on a first come, first served basis and other members of the community will not be turned away. For more information, call Project CHEER headquarters at 6-6966.

PWOC monthly luncheon — The Protestant Women of the Chapel's monthly luncheon is Dec. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Crossroads Café.

Enjoy food and fellowship. For more information, call Melanie McDade at 6-9381.

Crafts, chats and chocolates — The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsors an evening of crafts, chats and chocolate Dec. 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the chapel annex. Bring your own crafts or one will be available for you. For more information, call Jen Smith at 6-5868.

Ongoing

Reading Patch Club — Read books and earn patches and prizes at the library. The club is open to grades kindergarten through twelfth. Sign up at the library. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

CCAF — To get help with starting on a Community College of the Air Force Degree program, call the education center and set up an appointment at 6-3211.

MGIB — For answers to questions about the Montgomery GI Bill, visit www.gibill.va.gov.

Combat Education notice to all fiscal 2004 graduates — People who graduated from a regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institution within the past year and were unable to participate in a graduation ceremony can contact the education center today. For more information, call Angela Williams at 6-9664.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Ryan Johnson,
American Forces Network - Incirlik
broadcast technician

Time in service: Eight years

Hometown: Petaluma, Calif.

Time on station: One year and 2 months

Hobbies: Watching movies, reading and traveling

Why did you join the Air Force?

To receive specialized training while being

able to attend college at the government's expense

What do you like most about Incirlik?

The weather

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? By helping to provide a quality television product

What is your favorite motto?

"Tell it like it is." I believe in being straight forward.

What Air Force core value best describes you? Excellence in all WE do. The mission couldn't be accomplished if we didn't work as a team. I feel I'm just one cog in the giant machine that is the Air Force.

Supervisor's quote:

"Sergeant Johnson is a driving force in my shop; always coming up with new ideas to make the job easier and more efficient," said Master Sgt. Timothy Mertz, Air Force News Service Detachment 7 maintenance chief.

"He makes my job easy."

\$50 OBO. Call 6-5989.

Enrichment spaces available: The child development center preschool and toddler enrichment classes have limited seats available in each class. Classes are available for 2 and 3 year olds and 4 and 5 year olds. For more information, call 6-6553.

Job vacancy: A sharp dedicated NCO interested in providing first-term Airmen critical information to begin a successful career in the Air Force is needed. Applicants must be a technical sergeant or a master sergeant with at least 12 months left on station. Applications are due no later than Dec. 2. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Morgan at 6-6400.

Job vacancy: Technician to provide on-site customer support for PC desktops and workstations and assistance to network DODDS-E customer service support center. Interested persons should send their résumé to Gloria Navarro-McDermott, human resources manager, at HRDIV@cox.net.

YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Nov. 25 was Thanksgiving Day. What are you thankful for?

"I am thankful for everything – being healthy, having a good family and a good job."

— **Senior Airman Michael Starr**, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron



"I'm most thankful for a stress-free life. It's good to have a sound mind, body and soul."

— **Senior Airman Shenika Fegins**, 39th Mission Support Squadron



"I am thankful that I was able to vote in the past election. I am thankful for those who are working when I am off duty."

— **Airman 1st Class Jose La Placa**, 39th Communications Squadron



"I am thankful for my faith and, without a doubt, my family."

— **Barbara Ramey**, Military spouse



"I am thankful for my friends, and I am thankful for the gym; I go there all the time."

— **Senior Airman Dan Zberg**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



CLASSIFIEDS

Yard sale: Dec. 4 at 4031C Tarsus, in Falcon Housing. Kitchen gadgets and cookware, baby items, some electronics, clothes, home items, etc. Starts at 8 a.m. Call 6-2284 for details.

For sale: JVC television, purchased at the base exchange for \$375, selling for \$250 OBO. Computer desk in good condition, \$50 OBO. Call Danielle at 6-5238, please leave a message if no answer.

For sale: Chest freezer, 220 Volt, lockable lid, \$200 OBO. Purchased at the base exchange in March for \$290. Perfect for carport, covered patio or beach house. Call Glen at 6-2308.

For sale: Child's dark blue metal bunkbed; mattress included, good condition; \$60 OBO. Queen size black metal canopy bed with frame,



It's Where You Belong

Combat Cheer is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative designed to help create a positive atmosphere of offering unaccompanied Airmen opportunities to participate in trips, tournaments, classes, giveaways and community service events. Although the target audience are airmen basic through colonels, some events are open to the entire Incirlik community. For more information, call Project Cheer headquarters at 6-6966.



Photo by Senior Airman Jessica Switzer

Kickin' it

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Alonso, 39th Medical Squadron aerospace medicine NCO in charge, kicks a pad held by Senior Airman Karen Whitted, 39th MDS diet therapy technician. Members of Team Incirlik competed against each other in a variety of fitness and sports activities to see who had what it took to out-last the competition during Saturday's Endurathon. The Endurathon was part of the health and wellness center's efforts to promote awareness of the benefits of a smoke-free life during the Great American Smokeout campaign.



AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

Shark Tale (PG) – Animated. The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. Oscar takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the finned mobster. Oscar soon comes to realize that his claim may have serious consequences. Showing at 7 p.m. (90 minutes)



Black Cloud (PG-13) – Starring Eddie Spears and Julia Jones. Black Cloud, a young American Indian, feels alone in his world. He is troubled



by his uncertain ancestry, and his future is unfolding without direction. The only thing for which he is certain is his passion for boxing. He has to overcome personal challenges in order to obtain a spot on the U. S. Olympic boxing team. Showing at 9 p.m. (97 minutes)

Saturday

Shark Tale (PG) – Animated. Showing at 5 p.m. (90 minutes)

Black Cloud (PG-13) – Starring Eddie Spears and Julia Jones. Showing at 7 p.m. (97 minutes)

Sunday

Cellular (PG-13) – Starring Kim Basinger and Chris Evans. A thin thread of electronic data may be the only thing that can save a woman and her family in this thriller. A biology teacher is kidnapped by a vicious criminal who has threatened to murder her husband and son if he doesn't get what he wants. He destroys the only working telephone in the cabin but Jessica manages to put enough of the pieces together to send out a call that's picked up by a college student on his cellular phone. Jessica manages to convince Ryan of the gravity of her situation, but she has no idea of where she's being held, leaving his cell phone as the only link to her



whereabouts. Showing at 7 p.m. (94 minutes)

Thursday

The Forgotten (PG-13) – Starring Julianne Moore and Dominic West. Telly is tormented by the memory of her eight-year-old son's death in a plane crash 14 months ago. While trying to work through her grief, she is informed by her psychiatrist that she is suffering from delusions, that her son never existed and she is fabricating his memories. She's convinced she's going mad until she meets another patient, Ash, with the same situation. Together, they embark on a search to prove the existence of their children and reclaim their sanity. Showing at 7 p.m. (91 minutes)



At the M1

The Forgotten (PG-13) — 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (96 minutes)
Alien vs. Predator (R) — 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (105 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.